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"(b) & (c) In order to prevent damages to the Ellore canal and to mitigate the submersion of lands bordering the Budameru during high floods, a proposal to construct inlets and outlets between Kesarupalli and Enikepad aqueducts on the Ellore canal was approved by Government in March 1936 at a cost of Rs. 34,000. The work is now under execution."

*Kalvarayan Hills Reservoir Scheme of South Arcot.*

* 108 *Q.*—Sri R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorial was submitted to the Government in April last about the Kalvarayan Hills Reservoir Scheme in the district of South Arcot;

(b) whether any and if so, what action was taken thereon; and

(c) if not, whether it is proposed to take steps shortly in this direction?

The Hon. Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(b) & (c) The memorial has been referred to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for report and his report is awaited."

*Alleged issue of notice for the removal of the President of Kapileswarapuram Panchayat Board and the order of the Government regarding its supersession.*

* 109 *Q.*—Sri Rao Bahadur M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI on behalf of Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any notice was issued by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards to Sri T. V. Krishniah, the President of the Kapileswarapuram Panchayat Board, calling upon him to show cause why he should not be removed; if so, whether a copy of the notice will be placed on the table of the House together with the report of District Panchayat Officer;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of the above notice, the Government issued a Government Order proposing to dissolve and reconstitute the panchayat board under section 45 (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act; if so, will the same be placed on the table of the House;

(c) why did the Government issue a further order proposing to supersede the panchayat board for a period of one year under section 45-A (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act;

(d) how many petitions were received from the members of the panchayat board requesting the removal of the President and protesting against action under section 45-A (1) and whether those petitions will be placed on the table of the House;

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(e) what the recommendations were, if any, of the Inspector of Local Boards before issuing the Government Orders proposing action under sections 45 (1) and 45-A (1) and whether the same will be placed on the table of the House; and

(f) what the resolutions of the district board were upon the above Government Orders and whether the same will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative. A copy [a] of the Inspector's order is placed on the table of the House. The Government consider that no public interest will be served by placing the report of the District Panchayat Officer on the table of the House.

" (b) The answer is in the affirmative. A copy [a] of G.O. No. 1839, L.A., dated 19th May 1938, is placed on the table of the House.

" (c) In reply to G.O. No. 1839, L.A., dated 19th May 1938, the panchayat board agreed in its resolution, dated 14th June 1938, to supersession for a year and to the appointment of a special officer. The Government accordingly decided to supersede the panchayat board. As the Government cannot under the law supersede a panchayat board on the strength of a notice for dissolution, a fresh notice under section 45-A (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act was issued asking the panchayat board to show cause against supersession.

" (d) A petition was received, a copy [a] of which is placed on the table of the House.

" (e) The Government consider that no public interest will be served in placing the recommendations of the Inspector on the table of the House.

" (f) Copies [a] of the resolutions of the Bezwada District Board in reply to G.O. No. 1839, L.A., dated 19th May 1938, and G.O. No. 3420, L.A., dated 1st September 1938, are placed on the table of the House."

*Cases under the Madras Agriculturists Debt Relief Act.*

* 110 Q.—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases under the Madras Agriculturists' Debt Relief Act, decided so far in the Province;

(b) the sum of money scaled down in each case; and

(c) how many agriculturists, mirasdars and zamindars were benefited under these cases?

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 282–288 infra.